

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1 - 44 (cancelled)

45. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising a blade carrier, a device engagement arrangement ~~(such as a roller, for example)~~ for setting the device against a surface, and a blade adjustment arrangement for adjusting the position of ~~a the~~ blade relative to at least one of the blade carrier and ~~and/or the device engagement~~ surface.

46. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising a blade carrier and a device engagement arrangement ~~(such as a roller, for example)~~ for setting the device against a surface such that ~~a the~~ blade carried by the blade carrier cuts at a predetermined cut plane relative to the device engagement arrangement.

47. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 45 ~~or claim 46~~, wherein the device is adjustable with respect to the blade position relative to its spacing below the device engagement arrangement.

48. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 46 ~~any of claims 45 to 47~~, wherein the blade defines a cut plane which is spaced below the level of the device engagement means.

49. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 45 ~~any of claims 45 to 48~~,

wherein the blade comprises a cutting portion and a fixing portion extending transversely to the cutting portion, the cutting portion being spaced from and adjacent the device engagement arrangement.

50. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 46 ~~any of claims 45 to 49~~, wherein the cut plane of the blade is spaced from and adjacent (preferably substantially parallel to) the plane surface against which the device engagement arrangement is placed.

51. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising a blade carrier and a lubrication arrangement for delivering lubricant to a ~~the~~ blade via the blade carrier.

52 (cancelled)

53. (original) A blade for a cutting tool, the blade including a tapered cutting portion having opposed tapering cutting edges terminating at an apex portion of the blade, wherein:

- i) at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel
defining an angle of substantially 40° or less; and/or
- ii) both opposed tapering cutting edges have a cutting edge bevel; and/or

- iii) at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel on upper and lower portions of the blade defining a double bevel.

54. (original) A blade according to claim 53, wherein at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel defining an angle of substantially 30° or less.

55. (original) A blade according to claim 54, wherein at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel defining an angle of substantially 25° or less.

56. (currently amended) A blade according to claim 53 ~~any of claims 53 to 55~~, wherein both tapering cutting edges have at least one of:

- i) a substantially corresponding degree of taper,
- ii) a substantially corresponding cutting edge bevel angle, and
- iii) a substantially corresponding double bevel.

57- 58 (cancelled)

59. (currently amended) A blade according to claim 53 ~~any of claims 53 to 58~~, including a fixing portion substantially extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the tapered cutting portion, the fixing portion being configured to facilitate fixing to a tool or the like.

REMARKS

Headings and subheadings have been added in accord with standard U.S. practice. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been provided on a separate sheet, as required by U.S. practice. Claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and otherwise place the claims in acceptable form for allowance.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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(54) Title: CUTTING DEVICE

(57) Abstract: A cutting device, particularly suited for removing vehicle glazing panels, has forward blade carrier and a rearward handle spaced from the forward blade carrier. The forward blade carrier may function as a handle, the device thereby being operable in two handed use. The rearward handle and forward blade may be movable relative to one another permitting re-configuration of the device. The rearward handle and forward blade carrier may be connected by a bridge portion. Novel aspects of the blade and lubrication for the device are also described and claimed.